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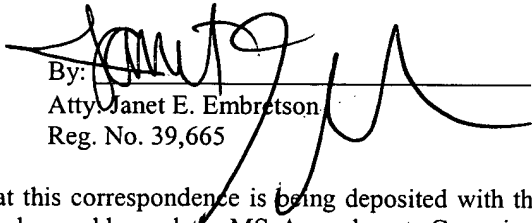
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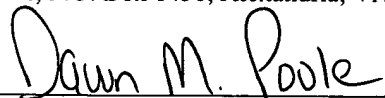
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mr. Amendment
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Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed on December 30, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from March 30, 2005 to June 30, 2005.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

In the Title

Please amend the title as follows:

~~METHOD~~ KITS FOR INCREASING LUMINESCENCE ASSAY SENSITIVITY